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(GNDMS)

REFERENCES: (A) USNATO 1199, DTG 041742Z MAR 1977; (B)
AC/259-D/563(DRAFT) GROUP OF NATIONAL DIRECTORS ON MATERIEL
(ACSM) STANDARDIZATION.

1. THIS MESSAGE FORWARDS TEXT OF REF B REPORTED REFTEL.
REF B WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MARCH 28, 1977 NADREP MEETING.
ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY 27 MARCH 1977.

2. TEXT OF REF B FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT:

AC/259-D/563(DRAFT)

GROUP/OF NATIONAL DIRECTORS/ ON MATERIEL (ACSM) STANDARDIZATION

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1. PREAMBLE

(A) THE FORMATION OF THIS GROUP UNDER CNAD MUST BE SEEN AS A
MEANS OF FURTHERING AND CO-ORDINATING FUTURE SHORT RANGE AND
LONG RANGE STANDARDIZATION ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA OF
ASSEMBLIES, COMPONENTS, SPARE PARTS AND MATERIALS (ACSM);

(B) THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE TO HELP IMPORVE NATO'S
LOGISTICS SUPPORT CABABILITY, ENHANCE INTEROPERABILITY AND
CROSS SERVICING AMONG NATO FORCES, REDUCE COSTS AND INCREASE

EFFICIENCY THROUGH AN EFFECTIVE NATO STANDARDIZATION
PROGRAMME FOR FUTURE ACSM;

(C) THIS AREA ENCOMPASSES COMMERCIAL AS WELL AS MILITARY STANDARDS
AND SPECIFICATIONS;

(D) ALTHOUGH THE STUDY SUBMITTED WITH DOCUMENT AC/259-D/512
PROVIDES A GREAT AMOUNT OF USEFUL MATERIAL THE SUGGESTED
TERMS OF REFERENCE REQUIRE SOME RE-WORDING. REVISED TERMS
OF REFERENCE ARE ATTACHED AND THE GROUP SHOULD BE REQUESTED
TO REVIEW THESE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

2. STATUS

THE GROUP SHALL CONSIST OF SENIOR NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES
RESPONSIBLE FOR MATERIEL (ACSM) STANDARDIZATION, OR APPOINTED
TO CO-ORDINATE NATIONALLY MATERIEL (ACSM) STANDARDIZATION WITHIN
THEIR MINISTRIES OF DEFENCE, AND OF NMA REPRESENTATIVES. THE
GROUP SHALL BE DIRECTLY SUBORDINATED TO THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL
ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS AS A SENIOR CADRE GROUP. SECRETARIAL
SUPPORT SHALL BE GIVEN BY THE PLANNING AND LOGISTICS DIR-
ECTORATE OF THE DEFENCE SUPPORT DIVISION.

3. MISSION

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS GROUP SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING
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MAIN TASKS:

(A) TO ESTABLISH A LONG TERM PROGRAMME IN CO-OPERATION WITH
THE OTHER NATO GROUPS INVOLVED FOR THE STANDARDIZATION OF
ASSEMBLIES, COMPONENTS, SPARE PARTS AND MATERIALS;

(B) TO IDENTIFY THE MAIN ENGINEERING ACSM STANDARDIZATION
PROPOSALS AND TO DEVELOP AN ORDERLY PLAN FOR ACTIONS REQUIRED;
(STUDY MATERIAL FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE GROUP IS PROVIDED
IN DOCUMENT AC/259-D/512, ANNEX D.)

(C) TO COLLABORATE WITH THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES, IN
PARTICULAR THE MILITARY AGENCY FOR STANDARDIZATION ON ALL
MATTERS OF ACSM STANDARDIZATION;
(THE DEMARCATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR STANDARDIZATION
BETWEEN THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS (CNAD)
AND THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION
(REFERENCE AC/259-D/546).)

(D) TO ESTABLISH PRIORITIES FOR ACSM STANDARDIZATION IN COLL-
ABORATION WITH THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND TO EXPLORE
THE FEASIBILITY WITH THE APPROPRIATE MAIN ARMAMENTS GROUP;

(E) TO MONITOR THE STATUS OF STANDARDIZATION RESULTS IN THE

ACSM AREA AND THE AVAILABILITY OF THESE FOR USE BY NATO AND NATIONS;

(F) TO GIVE APPROPRIATE ADVICE TO THE ACSM CO-ORDINATION GROUP;

(G) TO MONITOR THE WORK OF SPECIALIZED CNAD WORKING GROUPS WHEN SO INSTRUCTED;

(H) TO ENSURE THAT ANY DUPLICATION OF EFFORT IN ACSM STANDARDIZATION IS AVOIDED;

(I) TO PROVIDE ALL MAIN CNAD GROUPS WITH ASSISTANCE AND TO MAKE UNCLASSIFIED

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ALL ITS RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THESE GROUPS.

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4. METHOD OF WORK

(A) THE GROUP SHALL NORMALLY BE PROGRAMMED TO MEET 6-MONTHLY IN BETWEEN CNAD MEETINGS AND REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE CONFERENCE ON PROGRESS MADE AND PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED (OUTLINING POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS);

(B) THE GROUP SHALL INITIALLY APPLY AS ITS WORKING PROCEDURE THE PROCEDURE ANNEXED TO THIS PAPER;

(C) THE GROUP SHALL REVIEW THIS WORKING PROCEDURE AND RECOMMEND TO CNAD CHANGES WHERE DEEMED NECESSARY.

5. REVIEW OF GROUP BY CNAD

THE GROUP SHALL BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY CNAD AFTER TWO YEARS OF OPERATION.

ANNEX I TO AC/259-D/563(DRAFT)
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1. INPUT (ACSM STANDARDIZATION PROPOSALS)

PROPOSALS MAY BE MADE BY THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES OR BY NATIONAL AUTHORITIES AND MAY BE PASSED EITHER TO THE MILITARY AGENCY FOR STANDARDIZATION (MAS) OR THE DEFENCE SUPPORT DIVISION (DSD). THEY SHOULD CONTAIN STATEMENTS REGARDING THE FIVE ASPECTS MENTIONED.

2. CO-ORDINATION

ACE PROPOSALS WILL BE CO-ORDINATED BY THE CO-ORDINATION GROUP AT WORKING LEVEL TO THE EFFECT THAT THE PROPOSAL IS ASSIGNED ACCORDING TO ITS NATURE EITHER TO AN MAS BOARD OR A CNAD GROUP; WHERE NO AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED AT WORKING LEVEL THE PROPOSAL WILL BE PASSED TO SENIOR LEVEL. IF A SENIOR LEVEL NO AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS WILL BE INFORMED AND A DECISION BE REQUESTED.

3. PROCESSING

THE MAS BOARD OR CNAD GROUP TO WHICH THE PROPOSAL IS FORWARDED WILL PROCESS THE PROPOSAL BY REFERRING IT TO THE APPROPRIATE SUB-GROUP OR WORKING PARTY AND SHOULD CONTROL THE PROGRESS MADE.

4. RESULTS

IN CASES WHERE THE PROPOSAL IS SUCCESSFULLY PROCESSED THE AGREEMENT SHOULD BE RECORDED AND BE FED INTO THE ACSM STANDARDIZATION DATA BASE.

IN CASES WHERE NO AGREEMENT CAN BE OBTAINED ON THE PROPOSAL THE ACSM CO-ORDINATION GROUP SHOULD BE INFORMED (INDICATING
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THE REASONS FOR THE FAILURE) AND THE CO-ORDINATION GROUP WILL IN TURN INFORM THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS.
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